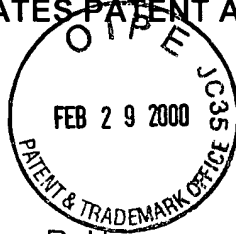


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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 1999, please amend the case as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 1-5.

1. (Amended) A simultaneous electrochemical assay device comprising a cell adapted to hold a sample, said cell having a substrate having a plurality of analyte binding areas, each of said analyte binding areas [adapted to bind] having a different specific analyte binding substrate; and a plurality of working electrodes and each working electrode adjacent to one analyte binding area and separated from the nearest adjacent analyte binding area by a distance [effective to permit a measurement by each electrode of analyte

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